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Pictured above are some of the Advisory Council Members attending the August 1st meeting. Back Row (L to R): Robert Kiesling, Bill Moen, Karen Hatcher, Rita Schmidt, Judith Meadows, Suzy Holt, Don Bartell, Jean Miller, Bonnie Keirle, and Karen Fischer. Front Row (L to R): Sara Parker, Genevieve Beery, Cheryl Hutchinson, and Pat Palagi.

NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The new Montana Library Services Advisory Council met in Helena on August 1st. MonCat, 1986 LSCA Grants and the Council's goals were among the topics discussed. New to the Council are: Don Bartell, Polson (Tamarack Federation); Genevieve Beery, Wolf Point (Golden Plains); Bonnie Keirle, Baker (Sagebrush); Cherie Kuenning, Great Falls (Pathfinder); and Bill Moen, Butte (Broad Valleys). Pat Palagi, Billings, continues as representative for the South Central Federation.

Also new to the Council and representing various groups are: Dan Bucks, Helena (State Employees); Karen Fischer, Bozeman (MLA President); Karen Hatcher, Missoula (Academic Libraries); Steve MacAskill, Warm Springs, (Institutionalized); Judith Meadows, Helena (State Agency Librarians); Jean Miller, Hardin (Public Libraries); Dennis Nathe, Redstone (Legislature); and Rita Schmidt, Great Falls (School Libraries).

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MONCAT UPDATE

At its June meeting, the Montana State Library Commission voted to fund the MonCat supplement with FY 1986 LSCA funds. Copies are to be made available at approximately \$35.00 per set.

MonCat began as an idea in 1981 when the Parmly Billings Library, through local efforts; the six libraries of the Montana University System and the State Library, through legislative appropriations, were able to join WLN and begin the process of adding their holdings.

38 libraries were represented on the first edition of MonCat. The total number of Montana records on the WLN database was about 700,000.

By August 1986, through retrospective conversion projects of principal, associate and recon-only members of WLN, the number of Montana libraries represented will be 66 and the number of records on the WLN database that can be transferred to MonCat will be nearing 1,500,000.

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STATE LIBRARY TO HOUSE THE NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION SYSTEM/NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

The 1985 Legislature funded a Natural Resources Information System/Natural Heritage Program which will be housed at the State Library. These two unique, but closely related, programs will provide a centralized location for natural resource information in the state.

The Natural Resources Information System will be designed to collect data from a wide variety of state agencies for the purpose of facilitating the use of that data which has previously been scattered in a variety of locations. Information from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Highways, the State Historical Society and the Montana University System will all be included.

Funding for these two programs will come both from the state and from private sources. The Nature Conservancy will help in the beginning years of the project, but it is hoped that the State of Montana will eventually give full support for the program. Map files, manual files and computer files of the data collected will be available for use by state and local government, citizen's groups, business and industry, the University System and the general public.

The Natural Heritage Program, similar to programs run by the privately-funded Nature Conservancy in 34 other states, will be designed to store data relating to the flora, fauna and biological community types of Montana. The program will be staffed by a botanist, a zoologist, a plant ecologist, and a data technician/secretary. A project coordinator, who will oversee the operations, will be a member of the State Library staff.

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Access to library holdings throughout the state will be at an all-time high. College, public, special and school libraries will all be represented.

With the use of MonCat and its supplement, ILL service throughout the state should be able to obtain more materials within Montana rather than going out of state.

A later edition of the newsletter will carry subscription order forms. Questions about MonCat and its supplement may be directed to Darlene Staffeldt at the State Library.

In addition to their decision on MonCat, the State Library Commission, at their June meeting in Dillon, had several other points of business. Grant proposals from the University of Montana and Montana State University were voted for funding through 1986 LSCA funds. Plans of service for the state's six federations were also approved.

AROUND THE STATE

The Parmly Billings Library has been awarded a grant by the President's Commission for the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant, funded by Exxon, makes available in the library ten Great Performance programs of dance, drama and music, together with VCR hardware. It will also fund four public programs featuring these works.

The Big Horn County Library surveyed several hundred users this spring as preliminary work for a needs assessment of the library. Patrons were surveyed in the library by phone, on the bookmobile, and randomly throughout the county by the aid of volunteers. Librarian Jean Miller believes the survey was helpful, not only for future planning, but in making county residents more aware of library service.

In Gallatin County, a volunteer program has been established to help fight illiteracy. Volunteer tutors must undergo a ten-hour training session before being matched with students. Students include adults who dropped out of school at an early age, those who never learned how to read, and foreign students and immigrants who need help with English. More information on the program can be gained by calling Julie Bruner in Bozeman at (406) 587-3659.

(From the Bozeman Daily Chronicle)

Jean Koppang has retired from the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public Library. James Parker Shield of the College of Great Falls has been appointed as her replacement.

At the State Library, there have been several staff changes. Dianne Capron has replaced Sharon Burns as Secretary for Library Development. Howard Morris joins the staff as a Reference Librarian and after 11 years, JoAnn Fallang has resigned as Administrative Officer. Mary Jane West has been promoted to Administrative Secretary.

Ted Schmidt, former Director of the Estes Park, Colorado Public Library, is the new Director of the Missoula City-County Library. Marilyn Nuemiller, former Children's Librarian in Missoula, has taken a position as Children's Librarian at the Wenatchee, Washington, Public Library.

Brenda Gillhouse, Missoula Elementary District, is to be the Central Office Librarian beginning this school year. The District will begin a nationwide search in November to fill the Coordinator's position left vacant by the retirement of Peggy Gadbow.

Funds have been approved for a new bookmobile for Missoula County. The 20-year-old Ford-powered Gerstenlager van that served the county had been subject to frequent repairs.

Alice-Anne O'Bryant has been appointed Children's Librarian at the Great Falls Public Library. A graduate of Indiana University School of Library and Information Science, Ms. O'Bryant comes to Great Falls from the Speedway, Indiana, Public Library.

Carolyn Lott is the new Librarian at Hellgate High School in Missoula.

The Great Falls Public Library's Lunch Box Book Reviews began in July as 160 people attended the July 3rd meeting to hear Ivan Doig read the first two chapters of his novel-in-progress, part of the "English Creek" trilogy.

Sharon Roland is the new Librarian for Billings Senior High, replacing Bunny Morrison who has been named the Librarian for Billings' new Skyview High.

Avis Anderson, Librarian at Dawson County High School, Glendive, has recently returned from India where she studied as the recipient of a six week summer Fulbright Scholarship.

The new Federation Librarian for Broad Valleys is Steve Thomas. Steve comes to Bozeman after nine years working in the Dauphin County Library System in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Shirley Krotz, former Director of the Glasgow City-County Library and Golden Plains Federation, has moved to New York City.

Glasgow Public Library was happy to announce the receipt of its first ILL request through WLN in July. The first book arrived by mail from the Whatcom County Library, Bellingham, Washington.

After five years as Director of the Havre Public library, Bill Lisenby is retiring. Formerly an English Professor at Northern Montana College, Lisenby will now relax as the Havre-Hill County Library consolidation nears. Bonnie Williamson, Hill County Librarian, has been named Acting Director of the combined libraries.

The Butte-Silver Bow Public Library has experimented this summer with checking out children's books at Stodden Park on Friday afternoons. The program has proved popular with local users.

With help from the Urban Revitalization Agency, the Library has constructed a public parking lot on the west side of the building. A handicapped access ramp leads to the main floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The joint conference of the Nevada Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association will be held in Las Vegas September 12 to 15, 1985. Managing the Online Catalog is a pre-conference workshop. For more information, write Dean Covington, Dickinson Library, University of Nevada, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154, 702-739-3280.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association will hold their annual conference Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1985 in Eugene, Oregon. The conference theme is: **The HUMAN Equation: Librarians + Technology = Excellence.** Dr. Justin Heavilon and Gene Roddenberry, creator of "Star Trek," are among the speakers. Registration fee is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. For more information, contact Suzy Holt, Shodair Children's Hospital, Helena, MT 59601, 442-1980.

The Montana Legislative Council has available a new video cassette on the Legislative process. Filmed during the 1985 session, this 17-minute color video follows the process of a bill becoming a law. Making A Difference is available for purchase for \$50. For more information, contact:

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June was proclaimed Start-A-Business Month by Governor Schwinden. Fourteen public libraries throughout the state now have Start-A-Business Centers with resources for people who would like to go into business for themselves. Libraries included in the program are: Billings, Great Falls, Missoula, Helena, Butte, Bozeman, Kalispell, Havre, Miles City, Glasgow, Glendive, Hamilton, Libby and Wolf Point.

The Wyoming Library Association meets in Casper September 4 through 7, 1985. Conference topics include: Video-cassettes in Libraries; Legalities and Ethics, Censorship, and Health and Medical Resources for Librarians. For more information contact Corky Walters, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, WY, 82002, 307-777-7281.

The Montana Library Association has issued an invitation to the Mountain Plains Library Association to hold a tri-conference in Billings in 1989 with

MLA and the Pacific Northwest Library Association.

Fund-raising has begun in Ennis for a \$60,000 and 1,500 square foot addition to the Clancy Memorial Library. A \$50-a-plate dinner is planned for August 17th at the Bear Creek Angus Ranch, home of Mr. & Mrs. William Bricker. Donations for the library may be sent to the Clancy Memorial Library Building Fund, First Madison Valley Bank, Ennis, MT 59729.

1987 is the year libraries will be celebrating the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The Mountain Plains Library Association is anxious to receive any information you would like to share with librarians in the region. If you have something for the MPLA Newsletter, you may send your information to:

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1985

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - 6 Regional Collection Development Institute, sponsored by ALA RSTO, Univ. of Washington, Seattle
- 6 Statewide Continuing Education Committee, Helena
- 7 - 14 Banned Books Week
- 9 - 10 MLW Computer Services Council, Seattle
- 12 - 15 Mountain Plains Library Assn./Nevada Library Assn. Joint Conference, Las Vegas
- 13 Automation Committee mtg., State Library, Helena
- 16 Natural Resources Data System Advisory Committee, Helena
- 19 - 20 Library and Information Resources for the Northwest, Collection Development Training, Helena
- 20 Statewide ILL Committee Meeting, Helena
- 25 Collection Development Committee, Helena
- 25 - 26 Governor's Conference on Aging Health Fair, Heritage Inn, Great Falls

OCTOBER

- 2 Visually Handicapped Needs Workshop, sponsored by Visual Services Division of SRS, Low Vision Clinic, Montana Association for the Blind, and Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, Miles City
- 3 - 4 School Librarians Retreat, Fort Peck
- 8 Federation Coordinators Meeting, Helena
- 9 Montana State Library Commission mtg., Helena
- 10 - 11 School Librarians Retreat, Big Sky
- 12 National Library of Medicine Medicine Update, Montana State University, Bozeman
- 17 - 18 School Librarians Retreat, Whitefish
- 30-Nov 1 Pacific Northwest Medical Library Assoc. Conference, Eugene, OR

NOVEMBER

- 1 MLA Legislative Committee, Billings
- 7 Montana Library Services Advisory Council Meeting, Helena
- 11 - 17 National Children's Book Week
- 22 MLW Bibliographic Standards Comm. mtg., Olympia WA

DECEMBER

- 10 Federation Coordinators Meeting, Helena
- 11 Montana State Library Commission mtg., Helena

1986 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 18-23 American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Chicago
- 29-31 Special Library Association Winter Meeting, Nashville

FEBRUARY

- 6 Montana Library Services Advisory Council Meeting, Helena

APRIL

- 2 - 5 Public Library Association National Conference, St. Louis
- 13 - 19 National Library Week
- 30 Montana Library Services Advisory Council Meeting, Kalispell
- 30-May 3 Montana Library Assoc. Conference, Kalispell

AUGUST

- 11 - 15 Pacific Northwest Library Assoc., Vancouver, BC, Canada

1987 CALENDAR

APRIL

- 29-May 2 Montana Library Association Conference, Butte

AUGUST

- 12 - 16 Pacific Northwest Library Assoc., Tacoma, WA

PLEASE NOTIFY THE STATE LIBRARY OF ANY EVENTS WHICH YOU WISH TO PUT ON THIS CALENDAR.

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